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1. (C) THE NIF: AS YOU KNOW, WE DRAFTED A MEMO ON THE PREFERRED SCOPE AND SIZE FOR THE NIF FOLLOWING THE INTERAGENCY MEETING ON FRIDAY. HOWEVER, SEVERAL PLAYERS HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT OUR PROPOSAL (WHICH WAS BASICALLY AMB. FLATEN'S OPTION). THE U.S. POSITION REMAINS UNRESOLVED, AND IN A PEACEKEEPING CORE GROUP MEETING ON TUESDAY, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD AWAIT THE RESULTS

OF THE UN RECONNAISSANCE MISSION, WHILE CONTINUING TO CONSULT WITH AND PROVIDE OUR INPUT TO THE SVG, THE FRENCH, THE RECON TEAM, ETC.

2. (C) SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT FOR RWANDA/NIF DEMARCHE: AMB. UWIMANA MADE A DEMARCHE TO 10/UNP DIRECTOR JOE SNYDER YESTERDAY (AUG. 11), WHICH I ATTENDED. THE OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE WAS TO SEEK OUR SUPPORT FOR RWANDA'S CANDIDACY FOR A NON-PERMANENT SEAT ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE 1994-95 PERIOD. ACCORDING TO UWIMANA, RWANDA'S CANDIDACY HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE AFRICAN GROUP IN THE UN, AND SNYDER EXPLAINED THAT THE U.S. POLICY IS TO RESPECT THE CHOICE OF THE UN REGIONAL GROUP. WITH THAT ISSUE OUT OF THE WAY, UWIMANA MOVED QUICKLY TO SUBJECT TWO (WHICH WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA): U.S. SUPPORT FOR A UN NIF. SNYDER RESPONDED IN THE SAME FASHION THAT YOU DID WHEN ADDRESSING THE PRIME MINISTER ON MONDAY: I.E., THE U.S. IS CURRENTLY EXAMINING HOW THE UN AND THE U.S. MIGHT BEST BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE PEACE ACCORDS, BUT NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED YET. UWIMANA POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN PLACE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 11, AND SNYDER AGREED THAT QUICK ACTION IS NEEDED. WE NOTED THAT THE UN RECONNAISSANCE TEAM WAS TO LEAVE FOR RWANDA IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, AND THEIR WORK WILL HELP CLARIFY THIS ISSUE. SNYDER ASKED HOW MANY TROOPS THE GOR WANTED FOR THE NIF. UWIMANA SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW, BUT HAD HEARD TALK OF A FORCE OF ABOUT 2000. (THIS IS ROUGHLY IN LINE WITH THE 2500 FIGURE WE HAD HEARD COMING OUT OF ARUSHA.) ALL IN ALL, NOTHING NEW CAME OUT OF THE ENCOUNTER SO I SEE NO NEED TO PUT IT IN AN OPEN CHANNEL MESSAGE, BUT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU

KNEW ABOUT IT.

3. (C) THE WORLD BANK PROBLEM: AFTER WE RECEIVED YOUR WAKE-UP CALL ABOUT THE WORLD BANK PROGRAM (KIGALI 02856), BOB PRINGLE ARRANGED A MEETING WITH THE BANK,

WITH REPS FROM THE FRENCH, BELGIAN, AND GERMANY EMBASSIES ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. THE MEETING WAS HELD YESTERDAY, AND IT WAS VERY USEFUL. I AM PREPARING A FRONT CHANNEL CABLE WHICH SHOULD BE OUT SHORTLY, BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THINGS AREN'T AS BAD AS THEY SEEMED. ALTHOUGH THE BANK HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM IN RWANDA, THEY RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO CONSOLIDATE THE PEACE PROCESS AND THEY ARE WILLING TO HELP. DETAILS WILL BE IN FRONT CHANNEL MESSAGE.

4. (U) MISCELLANEOUS MILITARY ASSISTANCE: I LEARNED THE FOLLOWING WHILE BACKSTOPPING YOUR RECENT REQUESTS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE: ON THE EXTRA IMET FUNDS (KIGALI 02875), AS I MENTIONED OVER THE PHONE, KEITH WEBSTER SAID THAT THIS SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM AND IT SHOULD ALREADY BE IN THE WORKS. ON THE SLOT AT THE ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE (KIGALI 02903), WEBSTER SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THERE WERE ANY SLOTS LEFT THIS YEAR, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT YOU HAD A GOOD CHANCE IN FY-94. HE SAID ELAINE BUSTAMANTE (TO WHOM YOUR CABLE WAS ALSO SLUGGED) SHOULD BE YOUR MAIN CONTACT ON THIS. ON ASSISTANCE TO THE WAR WOUNDED (KIGALI 02868), TONY MARLEY HAS ALREADY DONE A LOT OF WORK ON THIS AND HAS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL POSSIBLE SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE. WE WILL SEND A FRONT CHANNEL WHEN WE HAVE A DEFINITIVE RESPONSE.

5. (C) ORIENTATION TRIP: AS I TOLD AMBASSADOR FLATEN BEFORE HE WENT ON LEAVE, I PLAN TO MAKE MY ORIENTATION TRIP IN THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER. MY CURRENT ITINERARY (WHICH I DON'T THINK I'LL BE CHANGING) HAS ME ARRIVING IN KIGALI ON MONDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 6, FROM BRUSSELS. (SORRY, I KNOW IT'S LABOR DAY, BUT IT'S THE BEST I CAN DO.) I WOULD STAY IN RWANDA UNTIL THE WEEKEND AND TRAVEL BY EMBASSY CAR (AMB. FLATEN'S SUGGESTION) TO BURUNDI ON EITHER SATURDAY THE 11TH OR SUNDAY THE 12TH. NOPEFULLY, I'LL BE IN KIGALI FOR THE CONVENING OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, BUT I'M NOT HOLDING MY BREATH. I'LL SEND A FRONT CHANNEL WITH MY FULL ITINERARY WHEN MY PLANS ARE SET.

6. (U) DATT VISIT MESSAGE: STEVE HOMLEY ASKED ME TO PASS ALONG HIS THANKS FOR THE VERY NICE MESSAGE YOU SENT TO YAOUNDE CONCERNING THE GREAT WORK DONE BY THE NEW DATT (KIGALI 02871). EVERYONE ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE TOO BUSY TO SEND THESE KINDS OF MESSAGES, WHICH IS UNFORTUNATE SINCE POSITIVE FEEDBACK IS SO IMPORTANT. WE APPRECIATE POST HAVING TAKEN THE TIME TO PUT YOUR KIND THOUGHTS ON PAPER AND FOR SENDING THEM TO ALL THE RIGHT PEOPLE.

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